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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 U.S. HEALTHWORKS HOLDING
11 COMPANY, INC., *et al.*,

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.

14 THE REGENCE GROUP, *et al.*,

15 Defendants.

Case No. C04-2375L

16 ORDER REGARDING MOTION FOR
17 RECONSIDERATION

18 This matter comes before the Court on the Motion for Reconsideration (Dkt. # 26) filed
19 by defendants, The Regence Group, *et al.* (“defendants”). Defendants assert that the prior ruling
20 constituted manifest error by requiring arbitration of disputes under the Utah Agreement to occur
in the Western District of Washington, or, in the alternative, by not transferring claims under the
Utah Agreement to the United States District Court, Utah.

21 Motions for reconsideration are disfavored. See Local Rule CR 7(h)(1). The Court will
22 ordinarily deny such motions in the absence of manifest error in the prior ruling or a showing of
23 new facts or legal authority which could not have been brought to the Court’s attention earlier
24 with reasonable diligence. See id.

25 Because the Court’s prior ruling relied on an interpretation of § 4 of the FAA that had not
26 been raised by either party in their original briefing, further reconsideration of the issue is

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1 appropriate. The Court requests that plaintiffs U.S. Healthworks Holding Company, *et al.*, file a
2 response to the Motion for Reconsideration. The response should not exceed nine pages and
3 should address defendants' claims that (1) § 4 of the FAA does not require arbitration of claims
4 arising under the Utah Agreement to take place in the Western District of Washington, and (2)
5 that if the Court lacks authority to compel arbitration in Utah, it should transfer claims arising
6 under the Utah Agreement to the United States District Court, Utah.

7 Plaintiffs' response is due at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2005. Defendants' reply, if
8 any, is due at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2005. The Clerk of the Court is directed to note
9 this motion for reconsideration on the Court's calendar for Friday, June 3, 2005.

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11 DATED this 12th day of May, 2005.
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Robert S. Lasnik
United States District Judge

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